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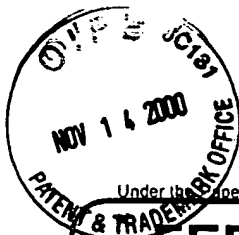
<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	09/475,961
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	First Named Inventor	Timothy J. Smith
	Group Art Unit	
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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101 710	201 355	Utility filing fee	
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Total Claims -20\*\* = 20 x 18 = 360  
Independent Claims -3\*\* = 2 x 80 = 160  
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 390	216 195	Extension for reply within second month	
117 890	217 445	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390	218 695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890	228 945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220 155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240	241 620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240	242 620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440	243 220	Design issue fee	
144 600	244 300	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 130	123 130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 710	246 355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 710	249 355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 710	279 355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Timothy J. Smith et al. : Group Art Unit:  
Serial No. 09/475,961 : Examiner:  
Filed: December 30, 1999 : Paper No.  
For: Delivery Management System

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231  
Sir:

Before the first Office Action on the merits please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 2, please delete "60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed on November \_\_, 1999" and insert thereof -60/163,298, filed on November 3, 1999--.

On page 1, line 5, please delete "(\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_)" and insert thereof --09/475,630--.

On page 1, line 6, please delete "December \_\_," and insert thereof -December 30,--.

On page 1, line 8, please delete "(\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_)" and insert thereof -09/475,962--.

On page 1, line 9, please delete "December \_\_," and insert thereof -December 30, --.

On page 5, line 22, please delete "\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_" and insert thereof --09/475,630--.

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On page 5, line 29, please delete "\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_" and insert thereof -09/475,961--.

On page 14, line 22, please delete "\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_" and insert thereof -09/475,962--.

On page 15, line 13, please delete "\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_" and insert thereof -09/475,962--.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

41. A method of managing the delivery of an multiple brand order, from at least two suppliers to a respective delivery agent, and from the delivery agent to a respective buyer, given order information, said method comprising the steps of:

determining a first potential arrival date of the order to a respective delivery agents location, based on the order request date and the buyer's address;

determining the ability of the respective delivery agent to ship the multiple brand order from the at least two suppliers based the first potential arrive date request; and

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